

Robert Greene

Quotes

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You must always be prepared to place a bet on yourself, on your future, by heading in a direction that others seem to fear.

~Robert Greene

Never waste valuable time, or mental peace of mind, on the affairs of othersâ€”that is too high a price to pay.

~Robert Greene

True genius, in strategy or anywhere, lies in self-control, self-mastery, presence of mind, fluidity of thought.

~Robert Greene

Mastery is not a function of genius or talent. It is a function of time and intense focus applied to a particular field of knowledge.

~Robert Greene

Mistakes and failures are precisely your means of education. They tell you about your own inadequacies.

~Robert Greene

Be Royal in your Own Fashion: Act like a King to be treated

~Robert Greene

The world wants to assign you a role in life. And once you accept that role you are doomed.

~Robert Greene

It is in fact the height of selfishness to merely consume what others create and to retreat into a shell of limited goals and immediate pleasures.

~Robert Greene

Lord, protect me from my friends; I can take care of my enemies.

~Robert Greene

No moment is wasted if you pay attention and learn the lessons contained in every experience.

~Robert Greene

Stop shallow water from running, it will rage; tread on a worm and it will turn.

~Robert Greene

A lot of, a big problems that people have nowadays is that they can't stand moments of no stimulation in their life so they're constantly lurking, looking for entertainment, video games.

~Robert Greene

The future belongs to those who learn more skills and combine them in creative ways.

~Robert Greene

Boldness makes even the smallest animal dangerous

~Robert Greene

Win through your actions, never through argument.

~Robert Greene

Defeat Them in Detail: The Divide and Conquer Strategy. Look at the parts and determine how to control the individual parts, create dissension and leverage it.

~Robert Greene

Never whine, never complain, never try to justify yourself.

~Robert Greene

Keep your friends for friendship, but work with the skilled and competent

~Robert Greene

Only create associations with positive affinities. Make this a rule of life and you will benefit more than from all the therapy in the world.

~Robert Greene

When our emotions are engaged, we often have trouble seeing things as they are.

~Robert Greene

Understand: A person of power instills a kind of fear by deliberately unsettling those around him to keep the initiative on his side.

~Robert Greene

Grand strategy is the art of looking beyond the present battle and calculating ahead. Focus on your ultimate goal and plot to reach it.

~Robert Greene

You cannot make anything worthwhile in this world unless you have first developed and transformed yourself.

~Robert Greene

Your unhappiness is a way of speaking to you, it's telling you something isn't right.

~Robert Greene

I believe that everything happens for a reason, and what seems bad at first might in fact be something of a blessing.

~Robert Greene

All the most successful people nowadays who are truly successful and innovative in their field are not people motivated by money.

~Robert Greene

Become who you are by learning who you are.

~Robert Greene

Deception is a developed art of civilization and the most potent weapon in the game of power

~Robert Greene

The problem with human beings is that they can't sit alone in a room for more than an hour.

~Robert Greene

Ah Franion, treason is loved of many, but the Traitor hated of all: unjust offences may for a time escape without danger, but never without revenge.

~Robert Greene

The truth is that creative activity is one that involves the entire self - our emotions, our levels of energy, our characters, and our minds.

~Robert Greene

I just do what I want to do without hurting other people and you know, I wish other people would do the same.

~Robert Greene

Strike the shepherd and the sheep will scatter

~Robert Greene

Mastery is not a question of genetics of luck, but of following your natural inclinations and the deep desires that stirs you from within.

~Robert Greene

You have a set of skills, a way of looking at the world, and often in childhood it was revealed to you by things that you were just kind of naturally drawn to.

~Robert Greene

Real action and true helpfulness are perhaps the ultimate charm.

~Robert Greene

Be as fluid as water, do not give your enemies anything solid to attack

~Robert Greene

The moment people feel they know what to expect from you, your spell on them is broken.

~Robert Greene

Nothing is given to you.

~Robert Greene

Hasty climbers have sudden falls.

~Robert Greene

Hip-hop, you can't really do that when you're in your 50s.

~Robert Greene

The human tongue is a beast that few can master.

~Robert Greene

Be brutal with the past, especially your own, and have no respect for the philosophies that are foisted on you from outside.

~Robert Greene

If you are worried about what others might think and about how your position in the group might be jeopardized, then you will never really create anything.

~Robert Greene

Any titles, money, or privilege you inherit are actually hindrances. They delude you into believing you are owed respect.

~Robert Greene

Animals behave in set patterns, which is why we are able to hunt and kill them. Only man has the capacity to consciously alter his behavior, to improvise and overcome the weight of routine and habit.

~Robert Greene

I've always loved black culture; I don't know any other way to put it. Since I was a kid I loved music and early jazz, Sly and the Family Stone.

~Robert Greene

News makes things black and white. Documentary filmmaking should do the opposite.

~Robert Greene

Do not leave your reputation to chance or gossip; it is your life's artwork, and you must craft it, hone it, and display it with the care of an artist.

~Robert Greene

You are facing death and danger and competition, but at any moment, you can decide to have a fearless mindset.

~Robert Greene

Love is a lock that linketh noble minds, Faith is the key that shuts the spring of love.

~Robert Greene

If you're really driven and you want something deep, hard enough in life, you're going to get it.

~Robert Greene

If you have no enemies, find a way to make them.

~Robert Greene

For the future, the motto is, "No days unalert."

~Robert Greene

We must create our own world or we will die from inaction

~Robert Greene

Some people are a little bit better than others, some people are great, some people are superior. It depends on the level of effort.

~Robert Greene

The real poetry and beauty in life comes from an intense relationship with reality in all its aspects. Realism is in fact the ideal we must aspire to, the highest point of human rationality.

~Robert Greene

The ideas get under your skin. I am honored and deeply excited by the thought that the next generation of writers, or whomever, are influenced by these books.

~Robert Greene

Actually, your past successes are your biggest obstacle: every battle, every war, is different, and you cannot assume that what worked before will work today.

~Robert Greene

You're not going to be persistent and tenacious enough if you don't love what you're doing. If it's not something that excites you, that appeals to you deep down inside.

~Robert Greene

No one is really going to help you or give you direction. In fact, the odds are against you.

~Robert Greene

When it comes to power, outshining the master is perhaps the worst mistake of all.

~Robert Greene

Even if it's a "talking head documentary" about a social movement or something along those lines, I've always thought of editing the timing and the sense of the piece for the theatrical experience.

~Robert Greene

When you understand the fear then you can begin to move past it. So when I hear the people say it's innate, you can't learn it, I just want to hit them in the head.

~Robert Greene

Thy breath is like the steame of apple-pyes.

~Robert Greene

Twere sin to stain fair Venus' courts with blood

~Robert Greene

Her lips are roses over-washed with dew, Or like the purple of Narcissus' flower; No frost their fair, no wind doth waste their power, But by her breath her beauties to renew.

~Robert Greene

Set a beggar on horse backe, they saie, and hee will neuer alight.

~Robert Greene

People go into things for the wrong reasons.

~Robert Greene

People are more complicated than the masks they wear in society.

~Robert Greene

When you raise your opinion of yourself and what you are capable of it has a decided influence on what you do.

~Robert Greene

Many a serious thinker has been produced in prisons, where we have nothing to do but think.

~Robert Greene

The problem is that we humans are deep conformists.

~Robert Greene

The key to power, then, is the ability to judge who is best able to further your interests in all situations. Keep friends for friendship, but work with the skilled and competent.

~Robert Greene

Sadness of any sort is also seductive, particularly if it seems deep-rooted, even spiritual, rather than needy or pathetic—it makes people come to you.

~Robert Greene

I find the training of the mind that Zen puts people through is by far to me, the most interesting, one of the most interesting disciplines.

~Robert Greene

There is nothing more intoxicating than victory, and nothing more dangerous.

~Robert Greene

Playing with appearances and mastering the arts of deception are among the aesthetic pleasures of life. They are also key components in the acquisition of power.

~Robert Greene

There's no more of an excuse for blaming other people or the world for at least not trying what you should be trying.

~Robert Greene

No greater mischief could be wrought Than love united to a jealous thought.

~Robert Greene

Though men determine, the gods doo dispose: and oft times many things fall out betweene the cup and the lip.

~Robert Greene

What's good for me is certainly not good for other people.

~Robert Greene

A noble mind disdains to hide his head, And let his foes triumph in his overthrow.

~Robert Greene

For as one star another far exceeds, So souls in heaven are placed by their deeds.

~Robert Greene

It's okay to be lost in college.

~Robert Greene

We are a social animal, power only exists in a social sense, we have to work in groups.

~Robert Greene

Do not envy those who seem to be naturally gifted; it is often a curse, as such types rarely learn the value of diligence and focus, and they pay for this later in life.

~Robert Greene

Our natural tendency is to project onto other people our own belief and value systems, in ways in which we are not even aware.

~Robert Greene

The time that leads to mastery is dependent on the intensity of our focus.

~Robert Greene

Be relentless in your pursuit for expansion.

~Robert Greene

The worst thing is to sit and whine and complain and obsess about money as if that were the only sign of your worth as a human.

~Robert Greene

Nothing is stable in the realm of power, and even closest of friends can be transformed into the worst of enemies.

~Robert Greene

Never take your position for granted and never let any favors you receive go to your head.

~Robert Greene

I didn't like writing just articles and things. So then I wandered around. I tried my hand at film and television and that was a worse fit because I don't really have a mind for that.

~Robert Greene

Weep not, my wanton, smile upon my knee; When thou art old there's grief enough for thee.

~Robert Greene

I like lecturing and going around the world and giving talks and I like doing consulting and helping people.

~Robert Greene

The music business is just the worst as far as Machiavellian, sharky, evil games going on, as far as manipulation.

~Robert Greene

Because of my two films - one was about my half-sister (Kati with an I) and the next one featured my cousin (Fake It So Real) - I was hesitant to start with someone so close.

~Robert Greene

Always say less than necessary.

~Robert Greene

Ah, were she pitiful as she is fair,
Or but as mild as she is seeming
so, Then were my hopes greater than my despair,
Then all the world were heaven,
nothing woe.

~Robert Greene

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